Fall 2010

Community partners launch the “Transform Baltimore” campaign dedicated to raising school communities, organizations, and city leadership behind an annual funding plan to support modernization public school buildings in Baltimore City.

Fall 2011

Baltimore City Public Schools partners with community organizations to explore possible solutions for financing capital improvements to city school buildings.

Spring 2012

After extensive study, the “Jacobs Report” is completed detailing the inability of many Baltimore school buildings to adequately support quality instruction and the report is estimated at correcting building deficiencies and eliminating the backlog of deferred maintenance amounting to $2.4 billion.

Summer 2012

Baltimore City’s Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and City Council President Jack Young work together to pass a 5 cent tax on bottled beverages within the City of Baltimore to help fund school construction efforts.

Fall 2012

After conducting community meetings across the city, Baltimore City Public Schools introduces its 21st Century School Buildings for Our Kids proposal for community review and input.

January 2013

The Maryland State Interagency Committee on School Construction issues a report exploring alternative financing models for Baltimore. The report concludes that an alternative financing program can work, that such a program is needed, and that it can provide a way to build and fully renovate Baltimore’s schools.

After extensive community review and input, the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners approves the 21st Century School Buildings for Our Kids proposal which sets the ambitious goal of renovating or replacing all Baltimore School Buildings in 10 years.

School communities, community leaders and partners, Baltimore’s mayor, and the city’s elected officials unite in February 2013

Thousands of parents, students, teachers, and community members rally in Annapolis to show support for the legislation. Many elected officials, including Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake and House Speaker Michael Busch address the crowd to show their support for the plan.

Spring 2013

The Baltimore City Delegation unites behind legislation establishing a partnership between Baltimore City Schools, the State, the Maryland Stadium Authority, and Baltimore City to implement an alternative financing program that will leverage $60 million in funding, estimated to provide approximately $1 billion in funding, establishing the 21st Century School Buildings Program.

Spring 2016

The first partners sign the Memorandum of Understanding, working to implement a new school building program, allowing work to begin.